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Model: Piccolina 400 (Item Model Number: 00116)

1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Cecotec Piccolina 400 Bronze Moka Express Espresso Maker. This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient use of your new coffee maker. Please read these instructions carefully before first use and keep them for future reference.

This high-quality stainless steel Italian coffee maker is designed to prepare authentic espresso, suitable for all thermal surfaces including induction, gas, electric, and ceramic stoves. It has a capacity of 200 ml, ideal for 4 cups of coffee.

2. IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- Read all instructions before using the coffee maker.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against fire, electric shock, and injury to persons, do not immerse cord, plugs, or coffee maker in water or other liquid.
- Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
- Unplug from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before putting on or taking off parts, and before cleaning the appliance.
- Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug or after the appliance malfunctions, or has been damaged in any manner.
- The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may result in fire, electric shock, or injury to persons.
- Do not use outdoors.
- Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter, or touch hot surfaces.
- Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.

- Always attach plug to appliance first, then plug cord into the wall outlet. To disconnect, turn any control to "off", then remove plug from wall outlet.
- Do not use appliance for other than intended use.
- Exercise extreme caution when disposing of hot steam.
- Ensure the safety valve is not obstructed.
- Do not overfill the water chamber beyond the safety valve level.

3. PRODUCT COMPONENTS

Familiarize yourself with the parts of your Cecotec Piccolina 400 Moka Express:

1. **Upper Chamber:** Collects the brewed coffee.
2. **Filter Funnel:** Holds the ground coffee.
3. **Gasket and Filter Plate:** Located under the upper chamber, seals the unit.
4. **Lower Chamber (Water Boiler):** Holds the water.
5. **Safety Valve:** Pressure release valve on the lower chamber.
6. **Handle:** Ergonomic and heat-resistant for safe handling.
7. **Lid:** Covers the upper chamber.



Image 1: Disassembled Cecotec Piccolina 400 Moka Express showing the lower chamber, filter funnel, and upper chamber with internal filter. Coffee beans are scattered around the base.

4. SETUP AND FIRST USE

4.1. Initial Cleaning

Before using your Moka Express for the first time, it is recommended to clean all components thoroughly. Disassemble the coffee maker and wash all parts with warm water and mild detergent. Rinse well and dry completely. Perform 2-3 brewing cycles with only water (no coffee) to prime the unit and remove any manufacturing residues.

4.2. Assembly

1. Ensure the gasket and filter plate are correctly seated in the upper chamber.
2. Screw the upper chamber onto the lower chamber, ensuring a tight seal.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1. Brewing Coffee

1. **Fill the Lower Chamber:** Unscrew the upper chamber from the lower chamber. Fill the lower chamber with cold water up to the level of the safety valve. Do not exceed this level.
2. **Add Ground Coffee:** Insert the filter funnel into the lower chamber. Fill the filter funnel with medium-fine ground coffee. Do not tamp the coffee down. Level the coffee gently.
3. **Assemble the Moka Express:** Screw the upper chamber firmly onto the lower chamber, ensuring a tight seal to prevent steam leakage.
4. **Place on Heat Source:** Place the Moka Express on a stovetop burner (induction, gas, electric, or ceramic). For gas stoves, ensure the flame does not extend beyond the base of the coffee maker.
5. **Brewing Process:** Heat the water slowly. As the water heats, pressure builds, forcing hot water up through the coffee grounds and into the upper chamber. You will hear a gurgling sound as the coffee begins to fill the upper chamber.
6. **Remove from Heat:** Once the upper chamber is full of coffee and you hear a distinct gurgling sound, remove the Moka Express from the heat source immediately to prevent over-extraction and a burnt taste.
7. **Serve:** Pour the freshly brewed coffee into cups. Be cautious as the coffee maker will be hot.



Image 2: The Cecotec Piccolina 400 Bronze Moka Express next to a steaming cup of coffee, illustrating the final product.



Image 3: The Cecotec Piccolina 400 Moka Express on a kitchen counter, ready for use or after brewing.



Image 4: A Cecotec Moka Express (red variant) pouring freshly brewed coffee into a double-walled glass cup, demonstrating the serving process.

6. MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Regular cleaning ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your Moka Express.

- 1. After Each Use:** Allow the coffee maker to cool completely before disassembling. Unscrew the upper chamber, remove the filter funnel, and discard the used coffee grounds.
- 2. Wash Components:** Wash all parts (upper chamber, filter funnel, lower chamber) with warm water. Avoid using harsh detergents or abrasive materials, as these can damage the stainless steel finish and internal components.
- 3. Rinse and Dry:** Rinse all parts thoroughly with clean water. Dry all components completely before reassembling or storing to prevent water spots and corrosion.
- 4. Gasket and Filter Plate:** Periodically check the rubber gasket and filter plate for wear and tear. Replace them if they appear damaged or if you notice steam leakage during brewing.
- 5. Safety Valve:** Ensure the safety valve is clean and free from any coffee residue or blockages.

Note: Do not wash the Moka Express in a dishwasher, as this can discolor the aluminum and damage the finish.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Coffee does not brew or brews very slowly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Insufficient water in the lower chamber.◦ Coffee grounds too finely ground or tamped too tightly.◦ Heat source too low.◦ Safety valve blocked.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Ensure water is filled to the safety valve level.◦ Use medium-fine grounds and do not tamp.◦ Increase heat slightly.◦ Check and clean the safety valve.
Coffee tastes burnt or bitter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Coffee brewed too long (over-extraction).◦ Heat source too high.◦ Coffee grounds too fine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Remove from heat immediately after brewing completes.◦ Reduce heat.◦ Use slightly coarser grounds.
Steam or water leaks from the side.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Upper and lower chambers not screwed tightly.◦ Gasket is worn or improperly seated.◦ Coffee grounds on the rim.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Ensure chambers are screwed together firmly.◦ Check gasket for damage and proper seating; replace if necessary.◦ Clean any coffee grounds from the rim before assembly.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Brand: Cecotec

Model Name: Piccolina 400 Bronze

Item Model Number: 00116

Capacity: 4 Cups (200 ml)

Material: High-quality Stainless Steel

Compatibility: All thermal surfaces (Induction, Gas, Electric, Ceramic)

Handle: Ergonomic, Heat-resistant

Safety Feature: Safety Valve

Operation Mode: Manual

Product Dimensions: Approximately 0.39"D x 0.39"W x 0.39"H (Note: These dimensions appear generic; actual product dimensions may vary slightly)

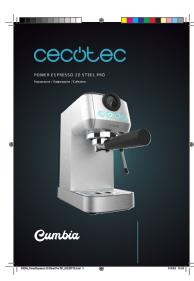
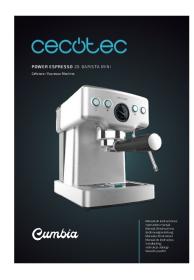
Item Weight: Approximately 0.4 Kilograms (14.1 ounces)

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding warranty, spare parts, or customer support, please refer to the official Cecotec website or contact your local retailer. Please retain your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

EU Spare Part Availability Duration: 10 Years.

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